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## OF INTEREST TO FERN STUDENTS

## Extracts from letters from H. E. Ransier

"I am ready to make a distribution of eared walking fern specimens to members,—3 cents postage. Also forking and eared Harts Tongue ferns,—5 cents postage. I will make photo of any deserving specimen, as rare or abnormal form, if sent in tight tin tube or box while fresh, *i.e.*, green, making photo natural size when practical, or such a portion as is of interest, natural size, photo to be available for Society's use. I will make lantern slide, from any good negative, of ferns that may be sent me by any member, one slide to be given the loaner of the negative, the Society to have privilege of using duplicate slides. When sufficient number of slides have been collected the set to be loaned to members upon payment of charges for transportation both ways. Slides can be made from films and plates of any size. Films or plates sent for this purpose will be returned as soon as slides have been made. I will be glad to examine plates that may be considered doubtful and pass upon them. Plates showing environment, as well as individual specimens, solicited." . . .

"I think I forgot to include an offer to furnish *Polystichum Lonchitis* in my last letter; if so, I now do it. As specimens are good lusty ones, I think postage and packing would be about 5 cents.

"I think you make a mistake in thinking that something new only will be acceptable for exchanges. My experience has been that some of the less rare ones were called for more freely than the rare, and then, too, the active members are not often the oldest collectors."

H. E. RANSIER.

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"No *nomina conservanda* for pteridophytes save only *Selaginella*." News from the international botanical congress, recently met at Brussels.

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Mr. L. S. Hopkins offers material of three species of *Equisetum* (not *E. arvense* or *E. hiemale*) to members who will send him postage.